

REMARKS:

Response to the examiner's election requirement, the applicant hereby elects the claims of Group 1 drawn to footwear. Claims 1 through 18 read upon the elected invention.

Non-elected claims 19 through 24 are hereby cancelled without prejudice. The applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the same or similar subject matter in a divisional or continuation application.

Respectfully submitted
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